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RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION


Sir:

Pursuant to the species election requirement imposed in the Official Action dated November 3, 2005, Applicant elects the claims of Species [01b]-Claims 4, 13 and 16; Species [02a]-Claims 25-32; and Species [03a]-Claim 28, along with generic claims 1, 2, 7, 14, and 18-24 for continued prosecution herein.

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